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HOUSE BILL 2408

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2223, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 36-2223, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-2223. Stretcher vans; wheelchair vans; use; restrictions

5 A. A stretcher van may transport a person who:

6 1. Needs routine transportation to or from a medical appointment or
7 service if that person is convalescent or otherwise nonambulatory and does
8 not require medical monitoring **ENROUTE TO THE DESTINATION FACILITY, OR** aid,
9 care or treatment during transport.

10 2. Is an inpatient at a facility and needs transportation to another
11 hospital for diagnostic tests if that person's physician authorizes the use
12 of a stretcher van.

13 B. A stretcher van or wheelchair van shall not transport a person who:

14 1. Is being administered intravenous fluids.

15 2. Was administered a medication that might prevent that person from
16 caring for himself.

17 3. Needs or may need oxygen unless that person's physician has
18 prescribed oxygen as a self-administered therapy.

19 4. Needs or may need suctioning.

20 5. Has sustained an injury and has not yet been evaluated by a
21 physician.

22 6. Is experiencing an acute condition or the exacerbation of a chronic
23 condition or a sudden injury or illness.

24 7. Needs to be transported from one hospital to another hospital if
25 the destination hospital is the same level or a higher level as the hospital
26 of origin.

27 8. Is being evaluated in an emergency room and for any reason must be
28 transported to another hospital for diagnostic tests that are not available
29 at the first hospital.

30 **9. IS BEING MEDICALLY MONITORED AT THE SENDING FACILITY AND WILL
31 CONTINUE TO BE MEDICALLY MONITORED AT THE DESTINATION FACILITY.**

32 C. A stretcher van or wheelchair van shall not contain medical
33 equipment or supplies or display any marking, symbols or warning devices that
34 imply that it offers medical care or ambulance transportation.

35 D. A stretcher van shall not respond or transport a person if the
36 request for service originated within a public dispatch system.

37 E. An ambulance service that provides both ambulances and stretcher
38 vans or wheelchair vans shall not use a registered ambulance in place of a
39 stretcher van or wheelchair van if a stretcher van or wheelchair van is
40 specifically requested or if a stretcher van or wheelchair van may be used
41 but is not immediately available.

1 F. A person transporting patients in stretcher vans or wheelchair vans
2 in violation of the criteria in subsection B of this section or operating in
3 violation of subsection C of this section may be determined by the department
4 after notice and a hearing pursuant to section 36-2245 to have operated an
5 unregistered ambulance in violation of section 36-2212.